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In re patent application of:

NISHITANI et al.

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Examiner: D. Cervetti

For: **DIGITAL WATERMARKING APPARATUS AND ITS METHOD AND DIGITAL WATERMARK REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND ITS METHOD**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Advisory Office Action having a mailing date of January 25, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond to the Final Office Action was set to expire December 27, 2005. Applicants petition for two-month extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

**Amendments** begin on page 2 of this paper and include a listing of claims.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.